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PASSING OF CAPT MICHAEL BRENYO, DC, USN (Ret)

Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of **Captain Michael Brenyo, DDS, DC, USN (Ret)**.

CAPT Michael Brenyo, DC, USN (Ret.), 89, of Charleston, SC, died Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at the Medical University of South Carolina.

CAPT Brenyo was born on October 30, 1932, in Clairton, PA. After graduating from Clairton High School, he attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he made the decision to pursue the study of dentistry. After graduating from dental school in 1959, Dr. Brenyo obtained his commissioning in the Navy Dental Corps.

After leaving the Navy to pursue one short year of private practice in West Elizabeth, PA, he realized he loved the Dental Corps and returned to complete a full 30-year career as a Naval Dental Corps officer. Upon returning to Active Duty, he was assigned to NAS Oceana, followed by a shipboard tour aboard the USS Howard W. Gilmer (AS-16). After being promoted to CDR in 1967, he was immediately assigned to the 11th Dental Company, Kaneohe Bay, HI. From here he deployed to the Naval Support Activity Da Nang, Vietnam, where he served during the Tet Offensive. Upon returning stateside, he spent two years in the Endodontics residency, mentored by Dr. Edward C. Penick. He later served as the founding Treasurer of the Endodontic Study Club.

In 1957, he married Elizabeth Ann (Geracitano) Brenyo and together, they were stationed exclusively on the East Coast, outside of his unaccompanied tours to Vietnam and Okinawa. Mike spent 10 years continuously in the DC area, primarily at the Washington Navy Yard Clinic, exclusively and foremostly a valued clinician.

Modest, humble and soft spoken, he was a committed family man, devout Catholic gentleman, proud of his two sons graduating from the University of Notre Dame. Mike retired from the Navy in 1989, on the same day as the Tiananmen Square Massacre. His son, CAPT Michael R. Brenyo, DC USN (ret.), then LCDR, was in attendance. He continued in the private practice of endodontics for an additional 10 years. His devoted wife Elizabeth (Liz) preceded him by 9 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary (Warhola) Brenyo and Michael Brenyo Sr. of Clairton, PA. and 6 other siblings. He is survived by sister Barbara Gilmer, and his sons, Michael Roderick Brenyo and his wife, Mimi, of Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Douglas Vincent Brenyo and his wife, Donna, of Mt. Pleasant, SC.; grandchildren, Matthew, Steven, Andrew, and Katerina; and several nieces and nephews. He was a loving father, brother, grandfather, and uncle. He was a member of **St. Benedict Catholic**

Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC, where a funeral Mass will be held: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 1100.

Please, send no flowers nor donations in his memory. His son, CAPT Michael R. Brenyo, DC USN (ret.) respectfully requests, however, any personal stories, digital images and especially jokes propagated by him be sent to his son at brenyodontist@yahoo.com.



Rest in Peace Captain Brenyo (Dad)

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